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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A spinal column support system, including a bone screw with an axially displaceable embodiment arranged above the bone screw shaft, a plate or rod arrangement with at least one opening into which the bone screw is screwed and an upper and lower disc which are mounted in the plate or rod at a distance from each other one over the other in a displaceable and positionable manner, and each including a hole through which the bone screw (16) is passed.

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	6355038	03/2002	Pisharodi			
	6187005	02/2001	Brace et al			

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	95/27444	10/1995	WO				
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